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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR/PP

SUBJECT : Decision reached at 1 April 1957 meeting regarding
ZPUHVR contacts and handling

1. SR/DOB does not endorse the proposal that authorization for all Agency contacts with the ZPUHVR and its membership be vested in one individual acting as an "across-the-board" case officer. It is felt that the specific interests cannot adequately be represented. It would be impossible for the assigned case officer to be briefed with the myriad of details involved in planning an FI operation and produce satisfactory contacts. Basically, the concept of a "roof" project to handle the Agency-ZPUHVR relationship is acceptable. However, the mechanics specified in the subject meeting will not serve the best Agency interests.

a. In the case of AECUPBOARD, it is important for the case officer involved in this developmental type project to be able to discuss with the principal agent exploratory details as they arise. He must be in a position to discuss the details necessary to propose and administer a going REDSOX type project which should develop as a result of Project AECUPBOARD.

b. The incidental intelligence obtained during personal contacts by the project case officer is invaluable for future planning of REDSOX type projects. Past experience has proven that such information was not passed along to interested parties, by other case officers, merely because it did not seem of any significance.

c. Regarding ARREADY, it is not possible to keep any individual who is not directly connected with the program briefed to the extent where he would be able to answer intelligently all the questions which may arise in connection with the spotting of suitable candidates. Consequently, meetings with the spotter regarding the Hot War program would be limited to discussions of generalities

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and collection of questions with answers to be supplied at future meetings. The time lag between contacts would jeopardize the recruitment of project trainees.

3. It is not clear to SR/DOB where the difficulty lies in connection with present DOB financial transactions as expressed by Projects AFRADI and AECUPBOARD both provide funds for any expenditures made in connection with the projects. All financial transactions are handled on an individual basis. As expenses are incurred (i.e., travel expenses and per diem), members of the ZPUHVR with whom DOB has contact are immediately reimbursed. As in negotiations with other Ukrainian contacts, the payment terminates DOB responsibility to the individual concerned.

4. Written reports have been made to the ZPUHVR Operations Coordinator following each contact with members of the organization. DOB case officers are always available for further clarification of details upon request. Therefore, SR/DOB fails to see any problems or misunderstandings regarding DOB contacts under the present system.

5. A meeting of the staff members who met at subject meeting and representatives from SR/DOB is requested at your earliest convenience to further discuss the problem. It was the understanding of the DOB contingent attending the 20 March 1957 discussion that a series of exploratory meetings would be held prior to a final decision.

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